

the treatment of infectious hepatitis. Dr. Pierre Jobin spoke about "socialized medicine", stating that 80% of Canadians have difficulty in paying for medical and other health services and that they should be insured for these services, preferably through voluntary auspices.

In the afternoon, the annual general meeting of the College was held and Dr. Irwin W. Bean of Regina

was installed as the new President. The other incoming officers of the College are Drs. E. C. McCoy, Vancouver, Past President; J. T. McCullough, Elmira, Ontario, President-Elect; D. E. Hunt, St. Catharines, Chairman of the Board; and M. A. Marchand, Trois-Rivières, Honorary Treasurer.

The 6th National Scientific Assembly will long be remembered by those in attendance.

## OBITUARIES

DR. CHARLES E. DUMONT, 66, died in Campbellton, N.B., on March 7, 1962. Born in St. Anselme de Dorchester, Que., he graduated in medicine from Laval University in 1920. In 1943, Dr. Dumont and his brother, now the Hon. Dr. George Dumont, Minister of Health for New Brunswick, founded La Clinique Dumont. He was certified in surgery by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Dumont was president of the Medical Staff at Hôtel-Dieu Hospital, and also was past president of both the Restigouche Medical Society and the New Brunswick Medical Society.

He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

DR. G. GORDON FERGUSON, 55, died in Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., on April 8, 1962. Dr. Ferguson graduated in medicine from the University of Manitoba in 1929. He practised his profession in the western provinces, and was in Northern British Columbia for some time during the early 1930's. He served in the Second World War with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, and after the war, he went into medical administration work. Dr. Ferguson was Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan until 1952, when he moved to Vancouver to become executive secretary of the British Columbia Division of The Canadian Medical Association. He became executive director of the Division in 1959, and retired from this position in 1961 owing to ill health. During the last few months of his life he was consultant to the Division.

Dr. Ferguson is survived by his widow and one son.

### DR. G. GORDON FERGUSON

#### AN APPRECIATION

The death of Gordon Ferguson after two years of unremitting struggle against the inexorable progress of aplastic anemia comes as no surprise to his many friends in the medical profession. The fact that he survived so long is a tribute to the skill and devotion of his medical attendants. He was representative of that small band of dedicated doctors who serve their colleagues and the people of Canada in administrative capacities in the organizations of the profession. His experience in medical practice in the hinterland, his distinguished military service and his aptitude for organization all served him well in preparing for his life's work. His appointment as Registrar of the College of Physicians

and Surgeons of Saskatchewan represented the first full-time post which he assumed, and his good work in that capacity led to his appointment in 1952 as Executive Secretary of the British Columbia Division of the C.M.A. The division of functions and duties between the statutory and voluntary organizations of the profession in that province had just been decided and Dr. Ferguson assumed heavy responsibilities in organizing the work of the Division. A man of high principles, he was forthright if not blunt in stating his views, and the contacts of the profession were in no doubt as to the attitude of the doctors as he expressed it. A favorite phrase, "let's strike a blow for freedom", recurred in conversation and correspondence and one retains the impression of a doughty fighter. To his wife Peggy, who sustained him in his protracted terminal illness, and to his only son Anthony the sympathy of the profession is extended. A.D.K.

### DR. HARTLEY FREDERICK PATTERSON GRAFTON

#### AN APPRECIATION

Dr. Hartley Frederick Patterson Grafton was born in Barrie, Ont., in 1903. He entered the University of Toronto and graduated with a B.A. in 1925. In 1928 he obtained his medical degree. He then spent approximately six years practising in pioneer communities in Canada, including some years in the Cariboo country of British Columbia. Part of this time was spent in church hospitals.

He then went to Europe to pursue postgraduate studies. He spent one year at the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin, where he obtained his D.O.G. He then worked in the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, and later in the Derbyshire Hospital for Women. Next he went to Oxford, where he demonstrated anatomy in the University and worked at the Radcliffe Infirmary. He obtained his F.R.C.S. in Edinburgh and his M.R.C.O.G. in London. He studied in the British Postgraduate Hospital in London and worked at St. George's in the East, Wapping, London.

On his return to Canada in 1939, Dr. Grafton joined the Irving Clinic in Kamloops, B.C. He was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and remained with the Irving Clinic to become its head.

He died at his home in Kamloops on April 8, 1962.

Medicine in general and obstetrics and gynecology in particular were the all-absorbing motifs in his life. But he was a man of great energy and became a considerable authority on some aspects of the history of British Columbia, an accomplished amateur photographer and a strong supporter of his church, the United Church of Canada. In addition, he was Past Master of his Masonic Lodge and in 1955 was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. He was also an active Rotarian for over 20 years.

The sense of loss he leaves is felt not only by his family and friends and the medical fraternity of his city, but also by the community as a whole. For not only did he contribute greatly to its fortunes, but he also gave of his vital personality and mind in a fast-developing part of the world.

He leaves his widow, two sons and a daughter.

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#### DR. DAVID WILLIAM McKECHNIE

##### AN APPRECIATION

David William McKechnie died in Montreal on March 25, 1962. By his death Montreal lost one of its oldest and most respected physicians.

Dave, as he was known to his friends, was born in Dundas, Ont., in 1876. He received his early education at the local schools and later at the Hamilton Collegiate Institute. Medicine beckoned to him and he entered the McGill Medical School, from which he graduated in 1903. One is led to wonder whether the example of Sir William Osler, a famous son of Dundas, may have influenced him in his choice of university. On graduation he became a member of the resident staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, where he remained for four years. In 1907 he entered practice in Montreal and at the same time received an appointment in medicine on the attending staff of the hospital. His postgraduate studies included a year at Vienna in 1912 and at London in 1926. He was appointed physician to the hospital in 1936, and also held the post of Lecturer in Medicine at McGill University.

At the onset of the First World War, Dr. McKechnie received a commission in the C.A.M.C. and was posted to the 6th Field Ambulance, 2nd Canadian Division. With this unit he saw almost continuous service in France from September 1915 till the end of the war. He obtained his majority; and for gallant service in the field in August 1918, on the Amiens front, was awarded the D.S.O. and was mentioned in despatches.

His memberships in different societies included The Canadian Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. Dr. McKechnie was a keen and skilful curler and also enjoyed his game of golf. However, above all his other accomplishments, he will be remembered by his confrères and his patients as a wise and sympathetic physician. It was a privilege to have his friendship, which once given never withered.

Dr. McKechnie was a deeply religious man and a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal. He was buried in the family plot in Dundas, Ont. S.G.R.

DR. RUSSEL B. ROBERTSON, 74, died in Victoria, B.C., on February 16, 1962. A graduate of McGill University, Dr. Robertson was a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology. He practised his profession in Victoria for 38 years, retiring in 1957.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

## MEDICAL MEETINGS

### CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg

Tuesday, June 19, 1962

#### PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

##### Morning Session, 9.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Chairman—Dr. Richard D. McKenna, Montreal, President

*The Use of Cine Fluorography in the Diagnosis of Dysphagia*—Dr. M. J. Smart, Saskatoon

*The Effect of Cholinergic and Adrenergic Blocking Agents on the Motility of the Esophagus*—Dr. R. C. Dickson, Dr. S. J. Manchester, Dr. J. J. Sidorov, Dr. G. H. Sim, Dr. R. W. Young and Dr. J. J. McKiggan, Halifax

*Achalasia of the Esophagus—An Assessment of Treatment with Emphasis on Expanding Bag Dilatation*—Dr. E. M. Nanson, Saskatoon

*Histological Changes in the Herniated Stomach in Patients with Hiatus Hernia*—Dr. A. Bogoch and Dr. G. G. Forstner, Vancouver

*Prospects and Difficulties in Intra-gastric Cinematography*—Dr. I. T. Beck, Montreal

*Some Features of the Dumping Syndrome*—Dr. J. A. L. Gilbert, Edmonton

*The Use of Indocyanine Green for the Measurement of Hepatic Blood Flow*—Dr. J. J. Caesar, Montreal

*Experience with Serum Leucine Aminopeptidase*—Dr. M. C. Miller and Dr. I. W. Weintrub, Montreal

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon and Business Meeting

##### Afternoon Session, 2.15 p.m.—5.00 p.m.

Chairman—Dr. Robert C. Dickson, Halifax, President-Elect

*Trypsin Inhibitors in Experimental Acute Pancreatitis*—Dr. R. D. McKenna, Dr. I. T. Beck and Dr. J. Solymar, Montreal

*Steatorrhea Due to Chronic Pancreatitis and Pancreatic Atrophy Following Gastric Surgery*—Dr. A. Bogoch, Dr. D. R. Wilson and Dr. L. F. W. Loach, Vancouver

*Siblings with Steatorrhea and Lipochromatosis*—Dr. H. T. G. Strawbridge and Dr. D. L. Kippen, Winnipeg

*Jejunal Biopsy in the Diagnosis of Intestinal Malabsorption*—Dr. D. G. Kinnear, Dr. J. J. Caesar and Dr. H. A. Warner, Montreal

*Psychologic Assessment of Patients with Ulcerative Colitis and Regional Enteritis*—Dr. A. G. Rogers, Dr. W. Bebhuk and Dr. J. Matas, Winnipeg

*Steroid Therapy in Ulcerative Colitis*—Dr. D. L. Kippen, Winnipeg

*Ileo-Rectal Anastomosis in the Surgical Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis*—Dr. R. H. Thorlakson, Winnipeg

*Ileorectal Anastomosis in Ulcerative Colitis—An Analysis of Fourteen Failures*—Dr. C. H. Weder, Saskatoon